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Commission debates hiring of appraiser

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

It appeared as if Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission would be brief, but it did not work out that way. During the general business session from commissioners, the question as to whether or not the commission should hire a replacement appraiser for the revenue commissioner was debated.

The county's chief real property appraiser, Angela Byrd, was fired by the commission in its March 13 meeting. Ms. Byrd was stopped by a Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy on March 1 after a report of a vehicle matching the description of the white Jeep Cherokee being driven by Byrd was reported driving erratically. She was charged with failing to pass a field sobriety test.

At the time of her arrest, two blood tests were administered to Ms. Byrd, one was sent to the state forensics lab and the other to an independent testing lab in accordance with county policy. According to reports, the independent lab's test produced positive results. The results from the state lab have not been received by the sheriff's department at this time.

Commission Doug Dalrymple mentioned that the commissioners, during their work session last Wednesday, had agreed to "invite" Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns to attend Monday's meeting and give him an opportunity to hire a replacement for Ms. Byrd; however, Mr. Burns was not at the meeting.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis told the commissioners that in his attempts to contact Burns, he had been told that he was out of town and unavailable.

Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion that the commission give going to make a motion we just hire a person for that position." Brooks seconded the chairman's motion.

During the discussion of Lewis' motion, Commissioner Stephens said, "I think the taxpayers are due the right to know what Ronnie (Burns) says about this [matter]. I move we table this matter with the stipulation that Burns attend the next commission meeting."

The motion to table was in reality a duel motion which tabled the matter until the next meeting, and also directed that Burns be asked to attend the meeting and if he refuses, he is to be summoned to do so. Stephens' motion was seconded by Commissioner Len Averett and passed with Commissioner Brooks casting the lone dissenting vote. Commissioner Linda Westbrook was absent from Monday's meeting due to a prior commitment.

A motion by Commissioner Brooks to bring the omnibus pay bill "off the table" and vote yes or no on the matter failed to get a second.

Chairman Lewis commented that he would like to see all commissioners present when this matter is voted on. Commissioner Westbrook was out of town.

Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following:

- Awarded the bid for a motor-grader to Thompson CAT of Dothan. Their bid of \$154,113 was not the lowest dollar amount; however, it did meet all the specifications of the bid and included a guaranteed buy-back of \$111,500.
- The contract for paving Co. Rd. 476 was awarded to Monday Contracting of Andalusia, AL for \$1,100,000.

Chairman Lewis said, "Let's all get into the act. I make a motion we just hire somebody. We fired the one he had. He wouldn't fire her - he refused to fire her and he told me that. He refused to hire, so I'm



ELBA FIREMEN are shown battling a house fire on Wayne Street late Saturday night. No cause of the fire has been announced, but early reports reported the house was empty and had no electrical connections joining it with the Elba power lines.

Board moves closer to naming new school superintendent

The Elba City School Board moved a step closer to naming a new superintendent Thursday night during their regular monthly meeting when Chairman Reverend A. R. Williams entertained a unanimous motion to ask the consultants hired to screen the candidates to give the Board a "short list" from the qualified candidates who applied for the job.

Ten prospective candidates had returned the job applications, out of 19 which requested the official forms. Of this ten, the committee told board members that nine met the minimum qualifications set out by state law and the Elba City School Board guidelines.

The one candidate which didn't meet guidelines reportedly didn't have the necessary minimum five years of administrative experience. Superintendent Charles Pearce said one potential candidate had told him of having only four years of official administrative experience but had some additional experience which should be considered. It is not known if this is the one which was cut by the screening firm or not, as the names were not included in the discussion.

The board will miss their self imposed deadline of May 15th to name a new superintendent, but will interview the five candidates who are named on the "short list" on Thursday, May 18th and Friday, May 19th. The Board plans to limit each interview to 30 minutes each and Chairman Williams will ask each candidate questions from a prepared list board members will decide upon prior to the interviews.

In other business, the school board voted to send the traditional non-renewal letter to all non-tenured teachers and support personnel telling them that their contract is not automatically renewed, but they will be notified of their rehiring status by July 1st, if a state school budget has been approved.

The board took no action to forgive the paycheck provision on an agreement signed by six teachers three years ago, saying they would retire at the end of this year. Such an agreement got them on the full 100% of the state pay matrix. The contract said they would repay the extra money with interest if they didn't retire.

Board members said they felt that forgiving the \$8,000 to \$9,000 would be unfair to those teachers who could have gotten the extra money also, but chose not to do so. They added that the school finances are strained and paying this extra money added to the strain.

The six have until September to repay the money if they don't retire, according to the contract.

Old Time County Fair & Sausage Festival

The Elba Chamber of Commerce invites one and all to join the crowd and the fun at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the Second Annual Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival. There will be plenty of games & activities for the young and the old to include: a tug-of-war contest, a sack race, children's competitions, children's activities, arts and crafts, recipe contests, a car show and food, especially that delicious sausage from Kelley Foods of Alabama!

And, although the 2nd Annual Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival focuses on the many uses of sausage, it also serves as a time for everyone to enjoy a wide variety of music and entertainment.

The Flying R Riders, a parade and drill team made up of ladies and their horses, from throughout the Wiregrass, will open the day with a patriotic ceremony. Later in the day, they will be doing a performance that will include square dancing and horses.

During the day, there will be a contemporary gospel singing by Dwayne Danner, along with a group of TSU students who will be singing a cappella. A special guest of the Mistress of Ceremony, Debbie Williams, will entertain at 12 noon. And, as everyone seems to enjoy dance and gymnastics teams, the Dance, Inc. gymnastic exhibition team will perform.

Clogging always seems to be another enjoyable part of any festival, and it certainly follows suit with Elba's Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival as spectators will be entertained throughout the day by the Dixieland Cloggers and the Dixie Darlings.

The crowd will also get a treat during the afternoon as the "Mis-Beats" perform. The "Mis-Beats" is a rock band of the 60s which reunited a few years ago to revive and relive the sounds of that time. The group revives the sounds of such groups and artists as the Beatles, Elvis, The Platters, Roy Orbison and many others.

Then, at 5 p.m., a gospel singing will conclude the day's activities. The featured group will be the Rhythm Masters, a Southern gospel quartet from the Andalusia area.

Members of the group include Greg Apkin, Elton Apkin, Pat Apkin, Rev. Bobby Hataway and Mike Daughtry. Before forming The Rhythm Masters, each formed his or her own roots in the church and gospel music. Greg, Elton and Pat were former members of The Old-timers Quartet. Bobby is a Baptist preacher and a former member of The King's Four Quartet. Mike, the newest member of the group, sings first tenor.

The group sings good "Southern rhythm" songs but keeps the audience listening with their harmony during renditions of both old and new slower gospel songs.

It will certainly be a day full of entertainment on Saturday, May 13, at Tiger Stadium in Elba as the Elba Chamber of Commerce presents the 2nd Annual Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival. Everyone is invited to make plans now to join in the celebration.

Area Happenings

BLUEGRASS REUNION. Heart of Dixie Promotion will present the Alabama Pick-a-Jam, a Bluegrass Reunion on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, May 11 - 13, at Heart of Dixie Music Park in Elba. Tickets cost \$30 for a 3-day advance purchase or \$12 per night for Thursday and Friday, and \$15 for Saturday night. For additional information contact Heart of Dixie Promotions at (334)897-8349.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING. Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Pop Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle, on Wednesday, May 17, at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. The program speakers will be Judge John Crawley, who is running for the Court of Civil Appeals, and David Estes, who is running for the Court of Criminal Appeals. The public is invited. For more information, call Virginia Howard at 393-6415.

AREA GRADUATIONS. Elba High School - Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; Zion Chapel High School - Friday, June 2, 2000, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field; Kinston High School - Thursday, June 1, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; and New Brockton High School - Thursday, June 1, 2000, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field.

FESTIVAL AT THE WELL. The Seventh Annual Festival At The Well in Glenwood, AL has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2000. The Coffee County Trailriders have been invited to lead the parade which will begin at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend the festivities. For more information, contact Marie Faulk at (334)335-6470.

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ELBA BILL SIGNED A group of Elba citizens and officials were in Montgomery last Thursday to join Governor Don Siegelman as he signed into law a special bill which allows the City of Elba to construct and operate a fiber optic cable TV system. Mayor James Grimes explained that such a system is still being studied and the City of Elba has made no decision yet. Estimates on the cost of installing a line to connect with the Opp Cable TV system run from a low of \$750,000 to as much as twice that amount. The cost to Elba could be quite a bit less if Alabama Electric Co.-goes forward with plans to install a 96 line fiber optic cable to the electric substations in Elba. The cost to Elba then would only be the cost of running the cable to homes. A decision is six months to a year away. Shown above are Leslie Stinson (Legislative Page for Representative Terry Spicer, Economic Development Director Dick Chaney, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Governor Siegelman, Representative Spicer, Elba City Councilman Winzel Gray and Elba Clipper Publisher Fernin Cox. Senator Jimmy Holley was actively working on the floor of the Alabama Senate at the time the picture was scheduled and unable to leave.

Kayo Lewis seeking re-election to District Two seat on commission

Donald Kayo Lewis formally announces his candidacy for re-election to the District 2 Seat on the Coffee County Commission.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of District 2 for letting me serve as their commissioners for the past four years," said Lewis.

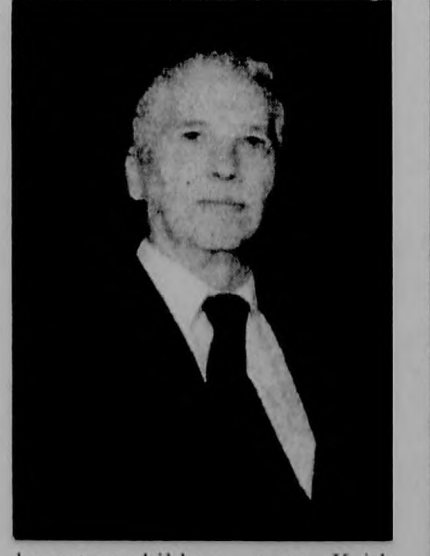
"I hope I have done a good job. I know I have made mistakes but hopefully I have learned from them."

"I am going to ask you to let me serve for another four years. My door has always been open to everyone and will continue to be open to you. I urge you to talk to me about whatever is on your mind."

"Again thanks!"

Mr. Lewis is married to the former Jessie M. Mauldin. They have been married forty-eight years and have two children - a son, Keith Lewis and a daughter, Maxine Lancy.

The Lewis Family resides in the New Hope Community.



NEWS BRIEF

Former chief real property appraiser for Coffee County, Angela Byrd, received a postponement in her trial in Enterprise Municipal Court. She was scheduled to be in court Monday on two charges of harassment stemming from separate incidents that occurred in parking lots of businesses located in Enterprise. The alleged incidences happened earlier this year and warrants were signed by the individuals involved. A new trial date has been set for Monday, July 10, 2000.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

There is a lot of hype each year as the time for the annual running of the horse race named the Kentucky Derby approaches. Such an event is just not made for today's entertainment TV. They spend hours and hours talking to trainers, jockeys and over loyal fans but the actual running of the three year olds was over this year in 2.1 minutes! Even that short time was not record speed, as at least two of the previous races have been completed in under the two minutes mark. Of course those actually in attendance at the race are there to socialize and show off their newest and most fashionable clothes, so there is no danger of the annual race ending, nor of the TV stations ignoring it. If any of us don't like it, we can always resort to the channel clicker or that little solver of all TV problems . . . the on-off button.

Elba native Gail Oberst, daughter of Mrs. Doris Farmer, was elected to the Panama City Beach city council in elections last Tuesday. A record number of the beach community's citizens turned out for this election to name two city council members and a mayor. She will be sworn into office today (Thursday). This is Gail's first venture in the political arena and she was the top vote getter of the three seats up for election. She collected 1579 votes to 811 for her opponent. The Panama City News Herald quoted her last Wednesday as saying, "I have said all along we need balanced representation (big business, small business and residents)." She also said "The people have spoken. I think this is a sign of the times."

We have written previously about Montgomery school superintendent Clinton Carter being a native of Pine Level and a graduate of Elba High School. Recently, he was honored as the number one school superintendent in the State of Alabama! This is amazing and flattering for anyone, but here is a man who had already retired and originally just came back to "help out a few months." Salute!

The bill signed into state law last week by Governor Siegelman giving Elba Attorney to get into the fiber optic cable business is a step in the right direction. The experts in this technical world are in agreement that faster internet and more cable TV options are needed and coming. Most agree that fiber optics is far, far above the other options available at this time. The big drawback to installing the system in existing communities is the high cost, but even that is rapidly getting more competitive. Generally, all across America, it is predicted that the big companies will be installing these new access systems in the larger cities, with the rural community receiving being 10-15 years down the road. If Elba does move forward with the new technology, it will put the community on the plus side when looking at economic growth . . . or just trying to stay even.

Our comments last week about politics being quiet, with just a month before election day, got one response challenging the statements as being incorrect. Commissioner Linda Westbrook sent word that her sore toes were testament to the fact she has been walking. We don't doubt that she and others are doing that, but gaging by the reactions normally expected from the public in such important elections as Coffee County is facing this year, there should be someone on every street corner discussing the pros and cons of what the candidates are doing, saying and/or not doing or saying. That would make things normal in the eyes of this gray headed veteran Alabama political observer.

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Schedule of Events for
Elba's Old Time County Fair
& Sausage Festival
Saturday, May 13

10:00 a.m. - Flying 'R' Riders
10:15 a.m. - Dwayne Danner - Contemporary Gospel Music
10:45 a.m. - Flying 'R' Riders
11:00 a.m. - Dance, Inc. (Exhibition Team)
11:30 a.m. - Dixieland Cloggers
12:00 p.m. - Lisa Busler
1:00 p.m. - TSU Singers
1:30 p.m. - Dixie Darlin Cloggers
2:30 p.m. - Mis Beats - 60s & 70s Music
5-7 p.m. - Gospel Singing featuring The Rhythm Masters

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 1, 2000, investigated the following incidents: one fugitive from justice, two harassments, one burglary, two harassing communications, one criminal mischief, two thefts of property, two DUIs, one house fire, two disorderly conducts, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one VPL, and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one on a fugitive from justice warrant, one for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, two for violation of the noise ordinance, one for harassment, one for disorderly conduct, one for VPL, and one for domestic violence/assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty-three for speeding, one for attempting to elude, one for no tag, three for driver's license not in possession, twenty-two for violation of the seat belt law, one for passing in a no-passing zone, seven for driving while driver's license are suspended, two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, two for driving while driver's license are revoked, two for DUL, three for violation of the child restraint law, and one for a switched tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 1 - River stage - 2:30 (6:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 450 (11:35 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Flourney Street (2:02 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (11:40 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 2 - Alarm at Carquest on Buford Street (5:11 a.m.); River stage - 2:30 (6:17 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to New Brockton High School (12:07 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to Dorsey Trailers (12:18 p.m.); Fight reported on Solite Drive (5:19 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-775-1213
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 9:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 694-5858
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon- Colony Inn, Enterprise
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. 8 a.m. City Hall Conference Room
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - HHS Cafeteria
- **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** is First Thursday night - 7:00 pm of each month at the ZC Fire Department
- **WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932** - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

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\$50,277.00. The award was made contingent to approval by the Commissioner Westbrock via County Engineer Randy Tindell. ***Instructed the county engineer, at Grimsley request, to purchase funeral signs (foldings) to be used out in rural portions of the county. ***Approved Commissioner Brooks request that an outdoor table (concrete) be placed on the grounds of the Enterprise Courthouse to be used by employees at lunch.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of May 2, 2000 through May 8, 2000. They were: W. B. Baldwin, Chance Johnson, Miley Summer, Houston Cooper, Lamar Daniels, Amber Pope, Melinda Jones, H. K. Davis, Trudie Jackson, Charles Watson, Ed Hutchinson, Kim Sorrells, and Fannie Berry.

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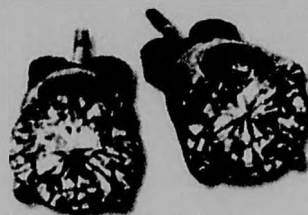
CARD OF THANKS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THANK YOU!
We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to all the businesses that has contributed to the development of the new playground at Elba Elementary School. The playground is scheduled to be installed on June 1. There will be a sign placed on the playground with all the business' names who have contributed.

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Gospel Singing
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Featuring: The Rhythm Masters & Other Local Talent

Sponsored by: The Elba Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, May 2, the Alabama House of Representatives turned back Governor Siegelman's attempt to further regulate assisted living homes.

I believe House Bills 433, 434 and 435 are of, by, and for the nursing home association and are being pushed by Siegelman to pay back nursing home owners for their financial support during his campaign for governor.

Although I am a retired electrical engineer, I served four years as Chairman of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and more than three years as Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

I have visited a sizable number of assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Alabama during the past few years. I concluded from these visits that the environment in an assisted living facility is far superior and much to be desired over that in a nursing home.

The least expensive assisted living facility I visited was better than the most upscale nursing home.

Additionally, I have spoken several times in different parts of the state about the desirability of assisted living facilities over nursing homes and have never had a single person question the accuracy of my comments.

These bills have apparently been defeated in this session, but if they are introduced later they need to be strongly opposed by everyone interested in good care for Alabama's frail elderly citizens.

Signed:
J. Elbert Peters
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Dear Editor,

Governor Siegelman has proclaimed May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month: time to say thanks to the 170,000 ordinary families in Alabama who do an extraordinary thing - love and care for "our" children. Those kids who belong to all of us, because if not for foster parents, they would belong to no one. Foster parents are the ones who say yes when the phone rings and a desperate social worker asks if they can make room for one more. The Foster Parent Association has a great bumper sticker that says, "Tired of the Ordinary Life? Be a Foster Parent." As you might imagine, humor and grace are major ingredients in successful foster parenting.

There is a chronic shortage of foster parents nationwide. This is definitely true here in Alabama. The Department of Human Resources estimates it needs a thousand new foster homes to keep up with the number of children who can't go home with their own families for a few days, months, or, in some cases, ever. There is always a particularly urgent need for families for children of color, older school aged children of all backgrounds, teenaged mothers with their own babies, and medically fragile children. But foster homes are also needed for babies, pre-schoolers - just kids in general.

New laws mean that more children than ever will be freed for adoption by the courts, and many of these children will be adopted by their foster parents. That is good news for the children being adopted, but it also decreases the number of foster homes available to take the next child who comes into care. The reasons children come into

the State's custody are as varied as the people and families involved. Children who study such things speak of the "general breakdown of the family support system." But to be honest, the reasons don't really seem to matter so much when there is a child who right now simply needs a family - no matter how temporary - to do what only a family can do: give them dinner, clean clothes, a warm bed, a big hug, and the message that, no matter how bad it seems, there are people in this world who do care.

Mention the idea of being a foster parent in a group and you will soon hear someone say, "I could never do that because I couldn't let them go." But isn't that what all parents do? We invest our time, our energy, our love, most of our patience, and then, we let them go! The joy comes from knowing that investment was the most important one we will ever make.

Being a foster parent is far from easy. Finding people interested and willing to be foster parents isn't either. Last spring, Tony Petelos, Commissioner of DHR signed a contract that created a collaborative effort between the public sector and a group of private agencies across the state whose sole mission would be to recruit, prepare and conduct home studies on families for children in the custody of the Department. Family Finders is based on the simple, yet daring concept that it is possible to bring together a wide variety of people and agencies, with different skills, different viewpoints, and different experience, but sharing one vision - finding families for kids. Family Finders has a toll free hotline (1-800-926-8887) and a web site (www.familyfinders.org), where anyone can find a foster parent, find a foster parent, or find a foster parent.

The Navy Log has thus far collected the names, service information and photographs of over a quarter of a million service personnel. All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for reviewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, or on the Memorial's Internet website, www.lonesailor.org.

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Thank you,
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I dear Editor,
I would like to thank Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer for all they have been doing for all of Coffee County, but I especially want to thank them for their help in securing a grant for the Damascus and Pine Level Senior Citizen buildings.

Senior citizens are on my priority list. I have not known people who work harder for the people they represent than Jimmy Holley and Terry Spicer.

Thanks again,
Robert G. Stephens

Dear Editor:
Sons & Daughters are constantly looking for unique ways to honor their parents.

The United States Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, DC has established the "Navy Log" in an effort to honor all naval veterans that have served our country.

The Navy Log includes Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines.

The Navy Log has thus far collected the names, service information and photographs of over a quarter of a million service personnel. All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for reviewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, or on the Memorial's Internet website, www.lonesailor.org.

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We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends, relatives and the neighbors of our community for the food, flowers, prayers and other acts of kindness and comfort shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one, Let's not forget last year when our newly elected Lt. Governor stained the image of Alabama from coast to coast in every major newspaper and magazine. Even the talk show hosts had a field day with Mr. Windom's childish unimpaired incident.

As an elected official, Mr. Windom should not be granted any type

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AREA DEATHS

HATTIE BELL CARPENTER
Mrs. Hattie Bell Carpenter, age 90, of Elba, died April 29, 2000. Mrs. Carpenter was born on Jan. 18, 1910 to the late Henry and Adelaide Davis.

Funeral services were held May 3, 2000 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba with Pastor A.R. Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Rocky Head Church Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Carpenter was preceded in death by her husband, Rayfield Carpenter, and four daughters, Alie Gray Henderson, Nadine Daniels, Louise Crittenden and Melinda Carpenter.

Survivors include her children: R.C. (Annie Pearl) Carpenter, Lucinda Carpenter, both of Elba; Mary Carolyn (Clayton) Gandy, Gantt, Adelaide Blakely, Bensalem, Pa.; John Carpenter, Oakland, Calif.; Robert Carpenter, Levittown, Pa.; Parlie (Daniel) Moore, Trenton, N.J.; Dorothy (Embrina) Scomers, Neptune, N.J.; three sisters: Katherine Humphrey, Blakely, Ga.; Willie Mae McGruder, Tampa, Fla.; Martie Mae Rowe, Lake Wells, Fla.; two sisters-in-law: Bernice Leonard, Eclectic, Ala.; Rose Davis, Orlando, Fla.; one son-in-law: William Daniels, Orlando, Fla.; 39 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and a host of great-great-grandchildren.

WALTER BRYANT CHURCH JR.

Mr. Walter Bryant Church Jr., age 67, of 1407 Highland Drive, Elba, Ala., died May 6, 2000 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Mr. Church and his family resided in Rantoul, Ill. for 35 years. He was a retired Air Force Master Sergeant of 20 years service having served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Mr. Church was an avid outdoorsman with a love for fishing and sports.

Funeral services were held May 9, 2000 at Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. John I. Baxter officiating. Burial followed in the

Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Church was preceded in death by a son, David Bryant Church.

Survivors include his wife: Sherry Jean Church, Elba; three daughters: Lisa Pence, Rantoul, Ill.; Vickie Smith, Alexandria, Va.; Patricia Worthington, Rantoul, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

MORRIS BENTON "BEN" SMILEY

Mr. Morris Benton "Ben" Smiley, born March 17, 1938, of Opp, Ala., died May 2, 2000 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

Funeral services were held May 6, 2000 at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Opp with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Gladys Smiley, Opp; two sons: Donald McBride and Morris Christopher (Annette) Smiley, both of Opp; two daughters: Claudia L. (Jeffery) Horstead and Cynthia L. (Aaron) Underwood, both of Opp; his mother: Sarah Ann Justice, Elba; two sisters: Doris (Haywood) Thomas, Rochester, N.Y.; Annie Joyce (Mason) Caldwell, Elba; his mother-in-law: Thelma Hightower, Elba; his father-in-law: James (Annie) Boswell, Troy, Robert C. Hightower, Opp; sisters-in-law: Sue Brannon, Opp, Carolyn (Johnny) Lawrence, Elba, Jessie Mae Hightower, Opp; two aunts: Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details 897-2225

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Survivors include his wife: Inice Dean Whittington, Jack; a son and daughter-in-law: Larry and Peggy Whittington, Tarentum, Ala.; five daughters and sons-in-law: Dorothy and Mike Arrington, Banks, Wana and Tony Carswell, Jack, Brenda and Ray Sanders, Jack, Patricia and Bobby Price, Elba, Melinda and Jack Jones, Jack, a brother: James Whittington, Foley, Ala.; six sisters: Gladys Parker, Robertsdale, Ala.; Lois Livingston, Euftalia, Merle Henley, Robertsdale, Alice Earles, Union Springs, Ala.; Elozette Zimmer, Hamilton, Mo.; Evon Sprong, Mobile; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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I love to receive blessings. God says He will bless His children.
We obey God and do what He wants and a river of His blessings is ours.
Blessings are things like our children being saved.
Our daughters and sons finding a Christian to love and marry.
Blessings are our fathers and mothers, happy in their years of gray hair.
Blessings are having brothers and sisters who love us and ones we love.
Blessings are a touch of the Lord's joy in time of disappointment.
Blessings are having enough to give to Dog and feed, cloth, and shelter our families.
Blessings are being able to be a blessing to someone else.
I always receive great blessings, and sometimes depend on one miracle after another.
I love to see God's power at work.
I love to see His Holy power do miraculous things to know that He is God.
I love it when God shows us He is all-powerful.
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Lay Witness Mission planned for May 12-14 at New Brockton United Methodist Church

Lay Witness Mission at New Brockton United Methodist Church will be Friday, May 12, through Sunday, May 14. On Friday, May 12, there will be a Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 p.m. with Services at 6:30 p.m. From 9-11 a.m. on Saturday morning, Coffee will be held in the homes. At 6 p.m. Saturday

evening, supper will be served at the church at 5:30 p.m. with Services at 6:30 p.m. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. on May 14 with the Worship Service at 11 a.m. Pastor Ben McKee and the congregation invite everyone to attend. "Lay Witness - Not Preaching - But Sharing."

Calvary Baptist Church to have Gospel Sing, Saturday, May 13

Calvary Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 189 South of Brantley, will have a gospel singing on Saturday, May 13, at 7 p.m. The featured St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church to present George Carver High School Honors Choir Sunday, May 14th.

The music department of the St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, will present the George Washington Carver High School Honors Choir of Montgomery in concert, Sunday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. The choir is under the direction of Henry Terry. Mr. Terry is a native of Elba and a 1982 graduate of Elba High School. Terry attended Enterprise State Junior College and later earned both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music education degrees from Alabama State University. For 21 years, Mr. Terry served as Minister of Music at St. Beulah. In 1998, he left this position to work in a music ministry in Montgomery. Currently, Mr. Terry is director of choral activities at George Washington Carver High School in Montgomery and serves as organist at First Baptist Church of Greater Washington Park in Montgomery.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this concert.

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Scripture: 2 Kings 4:19-37

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***An Evening Among the Silver Stars - An invitation from Equity Chapter #29 O.E.S. and Silver Square Lodge #81. You are cordially invited to this fellowship gathering on May 13 at 6 p.m. at the Old Reserve Center on Claxton Ave. in Elba. The guest speaker will be Rev. Freddie Flowers, pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church. A donation of \$5 is asked from each person and the dress is semi-formal. Everyone is invited.

***Mother's Day

Mother Loves Her Children All The Time
Yes, Mother loves her children all the time.
She is constant on her knees crying Lord, have mercy please.
Your Mother loves her children all the time.

Your Mother is your friend
She'll be with you until the end
If all her hopes and dreams

would just come true
Father will do the best he can
But sometimes father don't understand
That Mother loves her children all the time.

When children go astray
Mother prays night and day
She always have them resting on her mind
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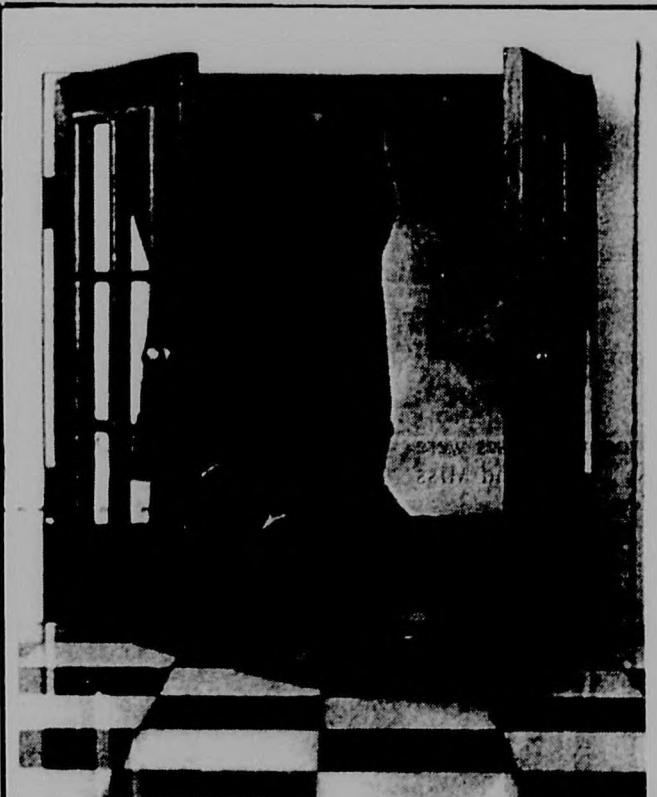
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LIFESTYLES

Annual Girl Scout Mother Daughter Tea held Sunday, April 30th

The young ladies of Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 and their leader, Mrs. Robert Cannon, entertained on Sunday, April 30, at Taylor Mill Oaks at the troop's annual Mother Daughter Tea.

The back terrace where the guests entered was decorated with hanging baskets of brilliantly colored petunias, bougainvillea and ferns. The registry table, covered in a cloth of hot summer pink and green, held an assortment of bird and butterfly boxes. A small straw basket held name tags. Presiding over the guest registry was Miss Sara Purvis.

Receiving the guests with Mrs. Cannon were Miss Emilee Benbow, troop president, and her mother Mrs. Jeff Benbow. Also receiving were other seniors and their mothers: Miss Vaughan Boyd and Mrs. L.A. Boyd IV, Miss Tiffany Farris and Mrs. George Farris, Miss Melissa Grantham and Mrs. Larry Grantham, Miss Raean McCollough and Mrs. Earl McCollough, Miss Emilee Qualls and Mrs. Kacy Qualls, Miss Shanna Tillis and Mrs. Jimmy Tillis, Miss Leslie Stinson and Mrs. Dudley Stinson, Miss Carver Vaughan and Mrs. Ronnie Vaughan, Miss Kimberly Ward and Mrs. Cathy Ward and Miss Janaina Elaine de Silva Oliveira of Brasilia, Brazil and her sponsor Mrs. Dale Crowe.

Each senior held a stem of yellow Everlasting lilies and leather-leaf fern tied with a yellow ribbon which, according to troop tradition, had been presented earlier by junior and sophomore class scouts.

In the dining room tea tables were centered with crystal hurricane shades topped with arrangements of yellow lilies and gladioli and encircled at the base with demitasse cups. Refreshments were placed on antique china platters from the collections of Mrs. Cannon's mother and grandmothers.

Presiding over the two silver services were Miss Cammie Kelley, Miss Valence Moore, Miss Bobby Jo York, Miss Lauren Suley, Miss Amy Kirkland and Miss Bethany Dye. Dining room hostesses were Miss Melissa Mularz and Miss Candace Anderson.

Greeting guests as they arrived and departed were Miss Stephanie Sasser, Miss Casey Skinner, Miss Devri Kilcrease, Miss Katie Crowe, Miss Heather Hays, Miss Ashley Harrellson and Miss Kristy Ward.

Hostesses on the terrace and in the reception rooms were Miss Melissa Stinson, Miss Kara Giles, Miss Shay Johnson, Miss DeeAnn Smith, Miss Andra Spicer and Miss Leanne Mallory.

Assisting with the entertaining were Mrs. Oliver Williams of Enterprise, Mrs. Bobby Hudson, Mrs. Pansy Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Calhoun.



Pictured are (back row, left to right): Kendra Vaughan, Tiffany Farris, Melissa Grantham, Vaughan Boyd, Kimberly Ward and Shanna Tillis; (front row, left to right): Janaina Oliveira, Raean McCollough, Emilee Benbow, Emilee Qualls and Leslie Stinson

Vaughan Boyd awarded Jeffcoat Scholarship

Hannah Vaughan Boyd, 2000 Salutatorian at Elba High School has been selected to receive the Gaines Ray Jeffcoat Scholarship for 2000. She competed with eight other candidates that were nominat-

ed as the most outstanding senior by their respective high schools. Vaughan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boyd of New Brockton, plans to attend Samford University where she will major in nursing.

Miss Drinkwater to marry Mr. Jordan May 19th

Linda and David Caddell and Robert and Hazel Drinkwater, all of Enterprise, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amber Leslie Drinkwater, to Jason David Jordan, son of Sandra and Danny Jordan of Elba.

The bride-elect's grandparents are Minnie Henderson and the late John C. Henderson and Lois Drinkwater and the late Rufus Drinkwater.

Miss Drinkwater is a 1997 graduate of Enterprise High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College for two years. She is currently employed in Midland City, Ala.

The future groom's grandparents are Lloyd and Virginia Jordan and Sam and Irene Davis, all of Elba.

Mr. Jordan is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College for two years. He is currently stationed in Ft. Riley, Kansas with the U.S. Army.

The wedding will be an event of May 19, 2000 at Macedonia Baptist Church on Rucker Boulevard in Enterprise at 7 o'clock in the evening. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Ashlee Cowen receives Scholarship

Ashlee Cowen, a senior at Kingston High School in Kingston, Ala., has been named a winner in the 2000 American General Scholarship program.

The American General Scholarship is unlike traditional scholarships because it rewards Alabama public high school students who demonstrate outstanding character. Winners are judged on qualities like kindness, respect and good citizenship.

To qualify students must have averages to above-average academic records, which place them in the top third of their senior class - but not in the top 10 percent. They must also present evidence of good character in two letters of recommendation (one from a high school official and the other from a community leader). Students are also evaluated based on involvement in extracurricular activities and their response to a question about character.

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Alexander Jeremy Driggers

Alexander Jeremy Driggers is three years old

Alexander Jeremy Driggers celebrated his third birthday April 30. He is the son of Billy and Bridget Driggers, and has one brother, Billy, age 6.

Grandparents are Ricky and Linda Berry, Bill and JoAnne Driggers, all of Elba, and Mary Pelletier of Long Beach, Calif.

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Zion Chapel High School's Juniors & Seniors Enjoy Prom Night 2000

On April 28, 2000, ZCHS held its Junior-Senior Prom. The lead out began at 8:45, and the prom followed from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. The music was provided by Five Star DJ's. The theme and prom song was "Because You Love Me", and the colors were baby blue and silver.

Members of the Junior class worked very hard on the decorations for this special night. Many blue and silver balloons were used, along with the other decorations. The tables were topped with beautiful candles, mints, bottles of bubbles, and miniature Cinderella slipper.

Ballots were passed out later in the night, and everyone was instructed to vote for his/her choice for prom King and Queen. Morgan Hodge and Alan Sanders were selected for this honor.

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Class Favorites Chosen



A girl favorite and a boy favorite was chosen by each class to represent the class in the yearbook as Class Favorites.

The Class Favorites are pictured above (l-r): 1st row - Ashley Smith & Jeremy Eddins, 8th grade; Charlie Hurd & Kenna Roberts (not pictured), 7th Grade; and Chris Fuller & Haley Wambles, 6th Grade; 2nd row - Megan Legg & Zane Tracy, 10th Grade; and Sam Wambles & Ashley Wambles, 9th Grade; 3rd row - Josh Grantham & Tara Grant, 12th Grade and Mallorie Bedsole & Josh McWaters, 11th Grade.

Mr. & Miss Zion Chapel 1999-2000

Morgan Emily Hodge and Alan Edward Sanders were selected by the high school and middle school student bodies to hold the title of Mr. and Miss Zion Chapel High School. This is a title that personifies all that is the best at Zion Chapel.

Morgan Emily Hodge is the daughter of Melinda Hodge and the late Mac Hodge. She has one brother, Macon Hodge, who is fourteen and in the eighth grade. Morgan attends Zion Chapel Baptist Church, where she is an active member. Her high school activities include Drum Major of the Zion Chapel Rebel Band, Vice-President of National Beta Club Association, Secretary of the Student Government Association, Vice-President of the Future Business Leaders of America, Vice-President of the Senior Class, Captain of the Varsity Girls Basketball Team, and a member of Family Career and Consumer Leaders of America.

Alan Edward Sanders is the son of Phillip and Cindy Sanders. He has three brothers, John Sanders, who is in the tenth grade, Jason Sanders and Jeremy Sanders, who are both in the seventh grade. Alan attends Zion Chapel Baptist Church, where he is an active member. He was born in Plymouth, Indiana, where he began his education before moving to St. Cloud, Florida, and finally settling in Jack, Alabama at Zion Chapel High School in the tenth grade. Alan's high school activities include Student Government Association Representative, Varsity Boys Basketball Captain, and a member of the Annual Staff, Zion Chapel March-



Alan Edward Sanders & Morgan Emily Hodge

ing Band, Family Career and Consumer Leaders of America, Future Business Leaders of America, and Beta Club.

ESJC NEWS

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES Enterprise State Junior College's Thirty-fourth Annual Commencement Exercises will be held on Friday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. Mr. Michael Garrett, executive vice president of Alabama Power Company, will present the commencement address. The ceremony is open to the public.

SUMMER REGISTRATION Registration for Summer Semester is now open at Enterprise State Junior College's main campus and Ft. Rucker campus. The semester features ten week and eight week courses as well as mini-term five week course offerings. For more information concerning how to register for classes or how to be admitted to the College, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234 at the main campus, or 598-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus, or access the website at www.esjc.edu. Classes will begin May 25.

COMPUTER COURSES Courses taught through the internet have increased in number for this Summer Semester at Enterprise State Junior College. Included will be Microcomputer Applications, Advanced Microcomputer Applications, and Western Civilizations I and II. For more information about

The Ronald McDonald House of Alabama planning homecoming

The homecoming celebration will be Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Ronald McDonald House of Alabama, 920 17th Street, South, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Families who have stayed at the House are asked to write or call (205) 933-0692 to verify their correct address and phone number.

Area students on Dean's List at AU

Students named to the Dean's List at Auburn University for Winter 2000 are as follows:

Summer T. Harding - Jack, Sciences and Mathematics
Jared A. Whigham - Kinship, Engineering

To qualify for the dean's list, students must be enrolled for 15 or more graded credit hours, pass all courses attempted for the quarter and earn a grade-point average of at least 3.4.

In The Service Of Their Country

Army National Guard Pvt. Anthony L. Holloman has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training.

Holloman is the son of John S. and Ruby L. Holloman of New Brookton.

His wife, Heather, is the daughter of Lucy Watkins of Elba.

Army Sgt. William E. Lee has arrived for duty at Camp Humphreys, Pyongtaek, Gun, South Korea.

Lee is the son of Walter W. Lee of Geneva and Annie C. Newson of Enterprise.

His wife, Sherry, is the daughter of James A. and Corene Cooper of Elba.

The sergeant is a 1990 graduate of Enterprise High School.

Jill Jinright named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Jill Jinright from Elba has been named an All-American Scholar.

Jill, who attends Zion Chapel High School, was nominated for this national award by Ms. Stacey Steck. She will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers.

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Jill is the daughter of Ed and Nickie Jinright.

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LBW students: left to right, Rhea Miller, Opp. Josh Hodge, Elba (standing), Shea Free, Elba, and Jason Hudson, Laverge.

SCHOOLS

SGA Sponsors Blood Drive 2000

by Tiffany Farris
On Monday, April 24, the Student Council sponsored a blood drive.

The blood drive began at 9:00 and ended at 2:30 and was held in the little high school gym.

The officers from last year and the new officers for the next school year worked the whole day and helped make the blood drive a success. There were 45 viable units obtained throughout the day.

The SGA wants to thank all the students that donated and the people that helped make it a success.

Prom Perfection

by Cammie Kelley
The Junior Class recently began making preparations for the upcoming prom.

The prom is May 6, 2000. This year's theme is "Underwater Odyssey." All decorations have been delivered to Elba High School, and the juniors have been working diligently to set up all of the kits and decorations.

They have had a full schedule and work will continue until they have put the finishing touches on everything.

From tropical fish to dolphins, the Juniors are striving to make this year's prom better than ever.

Jr Beta Initiation

by Emilee Qualls
On Wednesday, April 26, Elba High School's Jr. Beta Club held its initiation.

The initiation is held to welcome in all the new members. This year's theme was Key Service.

Vice President Devri Kilcrease talked about the keys to success. This included leadership and service.

Secretary Anna Anderson talked about character and achievement.

President Heather Hays swore in all the new members. Each new member received a certificate and was pinned.

Elba's D.A.R.E. Graduation 2000 Held

The Elba Elementary School's 6th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation was held Friday, April 28.

Certificates were presented to the ninety students that participated in and completed the instructional courses required in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Donnie Byrd, a deputy sheriff with the Montgomery county Sheriff's Department.

Byrd was a former member of the Elba Police Department and an instructor in Elba's D.A.R.E. Program.

He challenged the graduates to be all that they could be while keeping in mind the ideals they had



Meet Our Faculty

by Amy Kirkland
This week's Meet Our Faculty focuses on Mrs. Nelda Bailey.

Mrs. Bailey graduated from New Brockton High School and later attended Troy State University. While at Troy State she earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology and Physical Science and her Master's degree in Comprehensive Science (Education).

Mrs. Bailey now teaches general and advanced biology and advanced anatomy and physiology. When she is not teaching, she enjoys swimming, scrapbooking, and reading.

Mrs. Bailey's favorite thing about EHS are the facilities and the student body.



Elba Elementary School Menu May 15 - 19, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Bread, Milk

Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chili w/ Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk

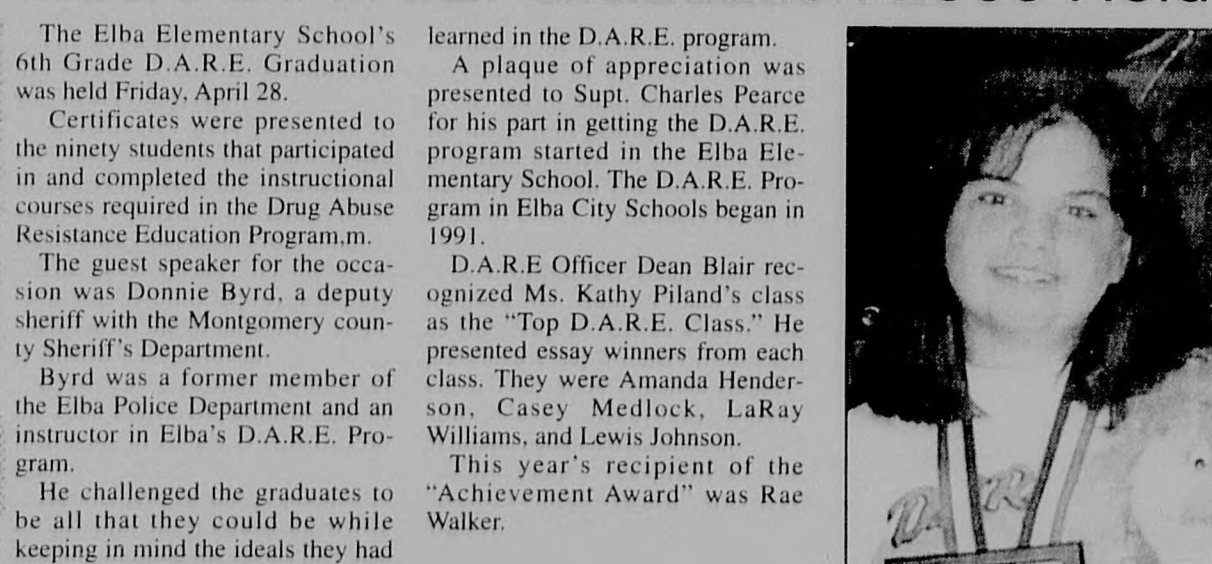
Tuesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Wednesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn, Sliced Peaches, Milk

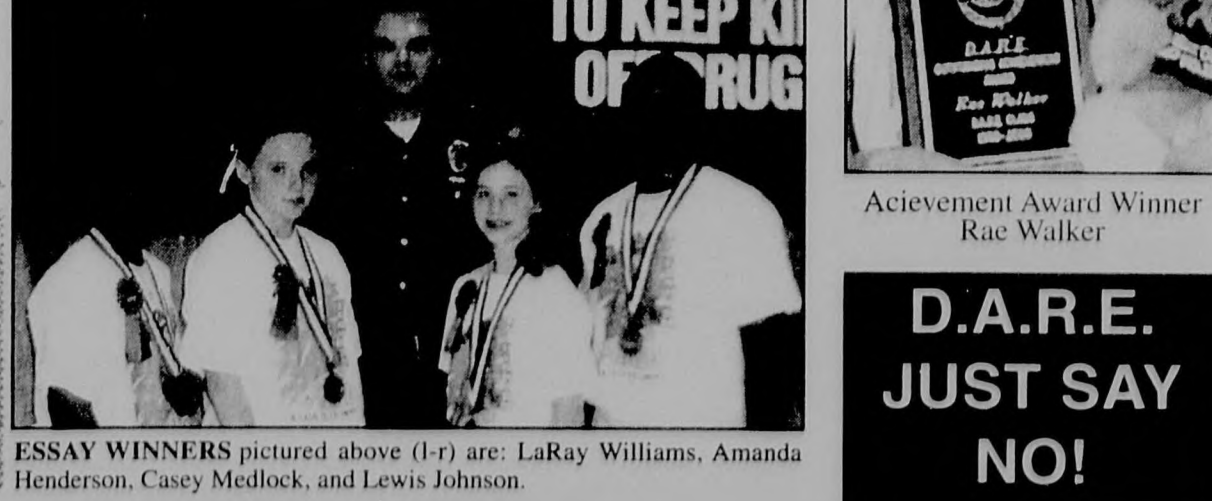
Thursday - Manager's Choice

Friday - No Lunch - Student's Dismissed at 11:25 a.m.

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Acievement Award Winner Rae Walker



ESSAY WINNERS pictured above (l-r) are: LaRay Williams, Amanda Henderson, Casey Medlock, and Lewis Johnson.



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EHS Cheerleader Tryouts Held April 19th

by Emilee Benbow

On Wednesday, April 19, tryouts for the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading squads were held. 26 girls went through the four-day clinic to learn the cheers and dances required to make the squad.

After tryouts, the cheerleaders for the 2000-2001 school year were announced on the radio station WZTZ.

The JV Cheerleaders are Cameron Irwin, Cassy Cooper, Lyndsay Lawford, Emily Paul, Anna Harrison, Mallory Allen, Kristin Barnes (co-captain), Anna Anderson (captain), Blake Brunson, and Mary Katherine Head (co-captain).

The new Varsity Cheerleaders are Cammie Kelley (captain), Camenda Coleman (co-captain), Melissa Mullar, Lauren Sutley, Casey Skinner, Kerri Lawford, Chelsea Cooper, Sara Purvis, and Devri Kilcrease. Congratulations girls and good luck next year!



EHS Senior Varsity Cheerleaders are pictured above (l-r): Devri Kilcrease, Kerri Lawford, Lauren Sutley, and Sara Purvis; back row - Melissa Mullar, Camenda Coleman, Cammie Kelley, and Casey Skinner. Chelsea Cooper not pictured.

Baseball Play-offs

by Stephanie Williams

The Elba Baseball Tigers are Area 3 Champs and won the right to compete in the play-offs.

The play-offs started on Wednesday, April 26. The Elba Tigers hosted the Montgomery Academy Eagles with the game beginning at 4:00. The Tigers defeated the Eagles 8-7 advancing them to the second round of the play-offs in Tuscaloosa.

The Tigers faced Northside on Saturday April 29, 2000. They were defeated by a score of 10-0. Let's continue to support Coach Grimes and Coach Corbett and the baseball Tigers.

Lady Tigers Win 3rd in Sweet Swingers Tourney

by Katie Vaughan

April 15 was an exciting day for the Elba High School Lady Tigers as they hosted the annual Sweet Swingers Tournament at Hawkins-Williams Park.

They arrived at the park early Saturday morning in hopes of bringing home the winning trophy. Their first game was played against McKenzie whom they beat.

After a three hour break they won their next game against Headland. Because of the tournament being double-elimination, the tigers were eliminated after losing the next two to Geneva and Slocomb, but were able to capture the 3rd place spot.

As of April 28 the Lady Tigers have pulled a regular season record of 28-6 including tournament appearances.

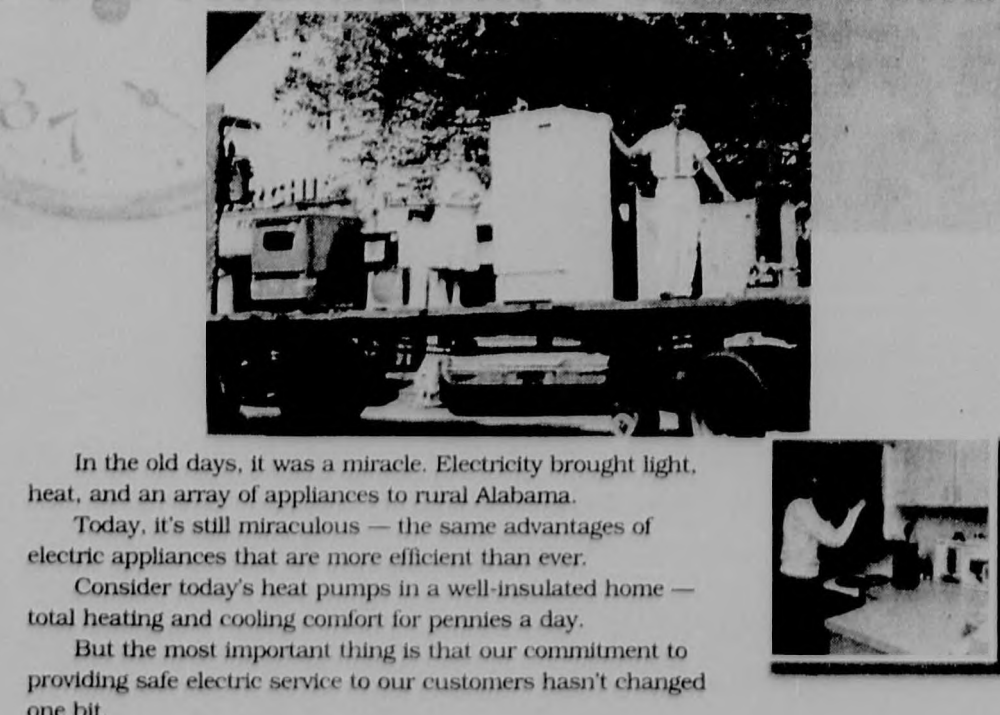
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I feel strongly that I am QUALIFIED and know I am WILLING to serve you as a representative on the Coffee County Commission. I appreciate your VOTE and SUPPORT and will work very hard to fulfill your confidence in me by doing a good job for Coffee County in representing District One.

Sincerely,
Linda Westbrook
Linda Westbrook

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Elba High School held its annual Junior-Senior Prom last Saturday night, and for the girls at the Mularz house, the night brought to an end weeks of planning: countless trips to find a dress and accessories, and more than a little nervousness for Melissa, Mom, and Dad. We all went to a wedding Saturday afternoon in RqL Level, which meant an early trip to the beauty shop for Melissa, but her hair and make-up held up under a hot afternoon sun for the outdoor wedding, and we hurriedly made it back to town twenty minutes before her date arrived to pick her up. It was hectic, but everything went off as planned, and maybe next year's prom will be a piece of cake. Yea, sure!

CHECKING OUT THE WEEK IN SPORTS....

*** Two of the best players ever to wear the black and gold for the Elba Tigers made it official last week when they signed basketball scholarships with Calhoun Community College, in Decatur. Tim Ware and Monroe Williams were dominating forces inside for the Tigers last season as Elba rolled to a 26-5 record, and the duo chose to remain teammates when they ended weeks of trips to various junior colleges all across the Southeast and signed with Calhoun. Calhoun, and Coach John Douglas, had been recruiting the Elba standouts ever since Dr. Billy Farris called Douglas and told him that the Tigers had two big guys that could play! The Calhoun coach, a former standout at Kansas and the NBA, watched the two in an Elba win over Andalusia, then worked them out against his own players in Decatur during a visit. He was convinced enough to offer both scholarships, and last week the duo signed the papers. There is no doubt that Tim Ware has his own future squarely in his hands and can be a star at any level of competition, while Monroe Williams showed signs of greatness during his senior year, and also has the skills to advance. Decatur is a long way from South Alabama, but you can bet that the folks down here in Elba will soon become Warhawk fans, and their results will become a weekly column in my sports pages. Good luck guys, we all know you will make us proud!

*** The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 35-8 last week with a win over Zion Chapel, but were then upset by Andalusia in a two-game sweep, and have to regroup in a hurry, since the Class 3A, Section 2 Tournament will be held this weekend at Hawkins-Williams Park. The Lady Tigers have been one of the true surprise teams in Southeast Alabama this season and will enter the tourney as one of the favorites, but records will mean nothing when the tourney swings into action. The top two teams from the sectional tournament earn the right to advance to sub-state action next week, while anything less ends the season. The Lady Tigers have already proven they can beat any team on their schedule, now it's the time for them to step it up another notch and move on to sub-state. It won't be easy, but it can be done!

*** Elba High School held its annual "Basketball Awards Banquet" last week at an Enterprise restaurant, and there was plenty to eat and plenty of awards to go around as members of the boys varsity, girls varsity, boys junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders were honored. All the players received letter awards, while special recognition went to those players that deserved extra attention. I am not a big believer in individual awards and trophies, especially in team sports, because it takes everyone on a team working together to make a team a winner. While the awards were handed out at a frantic pace last week, varsity basketball player Tim Ware made the biggest impression on me when he stood up and thanked the coaches and players for helping make his final season something special. That statement came from the heart, and meant more than any little player on a trophy. Congratulations to all that were honored, all the basketball teams were deserving.

*** History may have been made last week when Drew Parker hit two home-runs in one inning to lead his team to a win in Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League action. Parker came up to bat twice in the third inning of the game between the Phillies and Braves, and both times hit the ball out of the park, as he knocked in five runs, to lead his team to the big win. Score books are discarded after the end of the season, but I can't remember any player in recent memory hitting two home-runs in the same inning in any league. Great job, Drew!

*** The Elba Girls Softball League has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years, and this year there is no less than five age divisions taking part in the league, with a 14 and Under and 16 and Under softball leagues will play at the high school softball field. The majors are in great shape, have concession and bathroom facilities, and should be a fun place to play. Even the biggest of problems can be worked out when folks work together, and while this problem wasn't that big, it was solved through cooperation.

*** The shortage of fields for the various leagues in town to play on became less of a problem last week when officials at Elba High School granted permission for the Recreation Department to use the high school baseball and high school softball fields for league play. The high school baseball field will be the home of the Dixie Major and Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball, while the 14 and Under and 16 and Under softball leagues will play at the high school softball field. The fields are in great shape, have concession and bathroom facilities, and should be a fun place to play. Even the biggest of problems can be worked out when folks work together, and while this problem wasn't that big, it was solved through cooperation.

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Elba Tiger standouts to remain teammates

Ware and Williams sign with Calhoun

The dynamic duo of Tim Ware and Monroe Williams struck fear into the hearts of area players and coaches alike during the 1999-2000 high school basketball season, and Calhoun Community College coach John Douglas hopes that the Elba High standouts will continue their dominating play on the court for years to come after signing the pair Friday afternoon to basketball scholarships.

Calhoun Community College, in Decatur, placed second in the nation at the National Junior College Tournament this past season and posted a 32-5 record, and Coach Douglas believes the Elba duo can help his team make a trip back next season.

"These two young men have the skills to be impact players as freshmen," stated Coach Douglas, "and we expect big things out of both of them as part of our team at Calhoun."

Ware, a 6-6, 200-pound, forward, was one of three finalists for the Class 3A "Player of the Year" in Alabama in leading the Tigers to a 26-5 record, and averaged 26.5 points and 10.3 rebounds per game.

"Ware has the natural ability to be one of the best basketball players to wear the royal blue and white of the Warhawks," added Coach Douglas. "He is a gifted athlete who can play all five positions on the floor, and with his ball-handling skills, he can play the point and shoot from the outside. We are fortunate to have a player with Tim's talent at Calhoun, and if he continues to learn, he will be an impact player on the Division I level."

Williams, a 6-5, 235-pound, center, transferred to Elba as a senior, and made an immediate impact as he averaged 15.6 points, 9.2 rebounds and 5.4 assists per game.

"Williams is an excellent athlete



ELBA TIGERS SIGN WITH CALHOUN....Elba Tiger basketball standouts Tim Ware and Monroe Williams will continue to be teammates next season after signing Friday afternoon with Calhoun Community College, in Decatur. Pictured at the signing were (seated, l-r) Mrs. Emma Ware, Tim Ware, Monroe Williams, Mrs. Annie Brooks, (standing, l-r) Calhoun coach John Douglas, Elba coach Johnny Dunn, and Mr. Darrell Williams.

for his size," added Douglas, "and his speed and quickness on the court should complement the transition game that we play at Calhoun. The thing I like most about Monroe is that he is a strong rebounder and has good hands to get the ball moving down the floor."

Elba Tiger coach Johnny Dunn had nothing but good things to say about his two standouts, and predicted bright futures for both young men.

"Tim has the ability to play on the Division I level," said Coach Dunn, "and was a super kid to work with. For a big man he can shoot the three-pointer, take it to the hole

and run the floor. He is the best all-around player that I have coached in 25 years! Monroe also has the size and quickness to be an impact player on the college level. He is the quickest big man that I have seen in a long time, and he can play with his back to the goal and out-quick any defender who is guarding him. He has the leaping ability of a 6-8 player, and is very unselfish."

Calhoun was made aware of the talented Tiger duo by former Decatur dentist Dr. Billy Farris, a longtime resident of Decatur that was one of Calhoun's leading boosters during Douglas' playing days with the Warhawks. Dr. Farris

Ware is the son of Mrs. Emma Ware, of Elba, while Williams is the son of Mrs. Julie Williams, of Elba, and Mr. Darrell Williams, of Ozark.

Elba native continues winning ways

Joey Holley wins Elba C.C. Invitational

The Elba Country Club held its annual Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 22, with Elba native Joey Holley claiming the tourney championship with a nine-under par total of 98 for twenty-seven holes.

Holley, who was recently named the Amateur Golfer of the Year in Alabama, added the Elba title to previous tournament wins at Montgomery Country Club, Dothan Country Club and the Wynn Lakes Invitational. He also placed second in the Hoover Invitational and finished sixth in the State Amateur.

Following are complete results in



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all flights:

CHAMPIONSHIP A
Joey Holley (Troy) 65-33-98
Colin McCrary (Troy) 70-35-105
Clint Norman (Laverne) 70-36-106
Fred Hester (Troy) 72-36-108

CHAMPIONSHIP C
John Spears (Samson) 80-37-117
Johnny Law (Troy) 80-38-118
Chris Maddalon (Elba) 81-40-120
Paul Wallace (Elba) 81-40-121
David Nelson (Troy) 82-39-121
D. Morris (Elba) 82-45-129

CHAMPIONSHIP B
Jack Byars (Troy) 77-37-112
Wendell Stephens (Troy) 75-37-112
Cody Capps (Elba) 70-71-137

Following are complete results in

Mark Wicker (Elba) 76-38-114
Mike Hall (Troy) 77-39-116
Tommy Skinner (Elba) 79-37-116
Mike Kelley (Andalusia) 79-39-118
Newton Campbell (Troy) 89-40-129
L.B. Peayhouse (Troy) 85-44-129
Everette Kelley (Elba) 87-49-136
Ken Jackson (Elba) 89-wd
Tony Hudson (Troy) 84-wd

SECOND FLIGHT
Alan King (Elba) 90-40-130
Scott Kinsaul (Samson) 90-41-131
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Elba's D'undray Peterson inducted into Blue Key Honor Fraternity at University of West Alabama

D'undray Peterson of Elba was among those recognized during Honors Day ceremonies held recently at The University of West Alabama. Peterson, a celebrated athlete and member of the UWA Tiger Football Team, was inducted into the Blue Key Honor Fraternity. Blue Key is a national organization that recognizes scholarship, leadership and strength of character.

Peterson is a Dean's List Scholar and a Gulf South Conference Academic All-American. He is also the recipient of the Asa Green Scholar Achievement Award. Peterson is active in UWA Campus Outreach and sings with the Angelic Voices

own balls. Trophies will be given to the top four teams, along with t-shirts to the winning teams. Teams must have matching jerseys. The deadline to enter is May 17 at 5:00 PM. For more information call Pam Nix at 334-670-6051.

*** The Troy Sportsplex will host an ISA Youth 8-18 slow pitch and fast pitch World Qualifier on May 19-20. The entry fee is \$125 per team and teams must hit their

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SPORTS



ELBA LADY TIGER KENDRA VAUGHAN...keeps her eye on the ball as she prepares to swing in recent Elba softball action. The Lady Tigers will host the Class 3A, Section 2 Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 13, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, with two sub-state berths on the line.

BASEBALL - SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

BASEBALL
TEE-BALL BASEBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Field #3)

Tuesday, May 16
6:00 - Pirates vs. Reds

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Field #1)

Thursday, May 11
6:00 - Red Sox vs. Blue Jays

Monday, May 15
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Mularz tosses one-hitter

Lady Tigers roll over Lady Rebels 15-0

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels last Monday afternoon and proved to be anything but gracious hosts as they blanked their guests 15-0, in a four inning contest, to improve their record for the season to 35-8.

Elba grabbed a quick 2-0 lead in the opening inning on a two-run

home by Rachel Bludworth, then added five runs in the second to up its lead to 7-0. The second inning fireworks were sparked by six Lady Tiger hits, with key hits being a triple by Devri Kilcrease and doubles by Leslie Stinson and Katie Vaughan.

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Elba Lady Tigers swept by Andalusia

The Elba Lady Tigers carried their lofty 35-8 record to Andalusia Thursday afternoon with plans to complete a season-sweep of the 5A Andalusia Lady Bulldogs, but struggled both at the plate and in the field as they dropped both ends of the softball double-header by the scores of 9-6 and 9-4.

The Lady Tigers appeared ready to take charge early in the opening game as they plated four quick runs in the top of the first to grab a 4-0 advantage. A one-out single by Melissa Mularz ignited the early outburst, while a double by Vaughan Boyd highlighted the inning as the Tigers moved ahead early. Andalusia rallied to catch the Lady Tigers at 4-4 in the second, but Elba answered the challenge and plated two runs in its half of the third to regain the lead at 6-4. Melissa Mularz and Melissa Grantham both had hits and both scored runs to help the Lady Tigers take the lead, while

Roshanda McKinnon had a key two-out single. Andalusia scored three runs in the bottom of the third to go ahead 7-6, and the Lady Tigers left the bases loaded in the sixth, and stranded two base-runners in the seventh, as they fell to the Lady Bulldogs 9-6. Melissa Mularz, Rachel Bludworth, Melissa Grantham and Roshanda McKinnon all got 2 hits for Elba.

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SPORTS

Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Here is a
"Mini History"
of fishing

Several weeks ago I got a little aggravated because the sporting goods store was temporarily out of my favorite Tru Turn no. 8 beam hook. Getting aggravated over such a trivial matter just goes to show how spoiled we fishermen have become, as a no. 6 or 10 would probably served just as well. This got me to thinking, what if we had to fish today with the "lacker" our ancestors used?

Man has obtained his food from the land for thousands of years by hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering. Those who perfected new methods of harvesting and honed their skills were the ones who prospered most. Creativity was often a necessity to simply survive.

We do not know a lot about the very first fishermen, but know they must have discovered the vast food resources in lakes, seas, and rivers.

These food sources consisted of shellfish, mussel, and the many varieties of fish. The first method of fishing was with the bare hands. Fishermen would hear fish into shallow water and catch them with their hand, or make a wing where fishermen guided the quarry to others waiting at the opening to grab them. This method eventually helped feed the fishermen and his family, but had to be somewhat inefficient.

Archaeologists are not certain of all the equipment used for fishing by early man before 30,000 BC but do know three main methods were used. Spears served for fishing in shallow lakes, rivers, and bays.

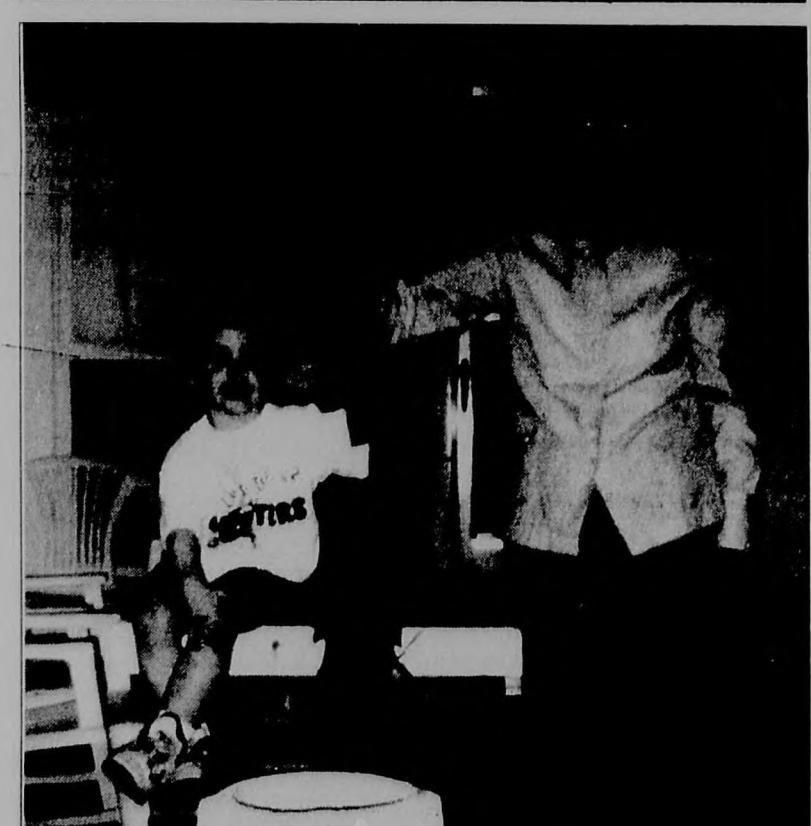
Woven nets and fish traps made their appearance somewhere after 40,000 BC. These were placed in the richest areas and required less labor to catch more fish. One fisherman could build crude fish traps with a funnel that allowed fish to enter but not escape, place them in strategic places and check them daily. This would yield much more fish than many men trying to push them into shallow water and catch them by hand.

Hooks are believed to have been first used in southern Europe around 30,000 BC. The first hooks were made predominately from bone, but wooden hooks were also common. The line attached to the hook was made from animal sinews or thin roots, vines, or woven grasses. Later on, fishermen began using hair from long tailed animals to braid a fishing line that was strong and relatively small.

The Chinese developed crude rods, silk lines and were using metal hooks around 200 BC. About this same time the Macedonians were beginning to fish with crude artificial baits made of hair and feathers that somewhat resembled today's jig.

I guess I shouldn't be complaining, even if the sporting goods store runs out of my favorite hook. At least I don't have to run a wild horse down to cut off his tail to make a fishing line, and I don't have to set down and carve a fish hook out of a sweet gum sapling. Things could be worse.

FISHING SPOTLIGHT



CODY DANIELS AND HIS GREAT-GRANDMOTHER CLAUDINE PARKER show off their beam catch from their first fishing trip at their secret fishing hole. There were 11 fish in all, and it looks like fishing tips passed on from generation to generation still work pretty well!



This fine catch of beam was snagged on April 22 in a private pond by (l-r) Drake Hanson, Eric Windham and Alan Bowden

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ELBA TIGER SENIOR BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS...at last week's Elba High awards banquet included (l-r) Wayne Reed, Tim Ware, Monroe Williams and Josh Lawford. Ware was named the 1999-2000 "Most Valuable Player."

In Dixie Youth Baseball League action

Drew Parker blasts two home-runs in one inning

The Elba Dixie Youth and Elba Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues continued their seasons last week, with the Phillies' Drew Parker grabbing the spotlight with two home-runs and five runs-batted-in in one inning. The outburst came in the third inning of the Phillies' 12-2 win over the Braves, and marked the first time this season one player had hit two home-runs in the same inning. Following are highlights of last week's action:

*** **ROYALS 10 RAYS 10** - The Royals and Rays battled through six innings before having to settle for a 10-10 tie, in Dixie Youth action. The Rays scored two runs in the fourth inning to pull even at 8-8, then scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to catch the Royals at 10-10, in the wild contest. Mason Guley got 4 hits and Chase Butwell added 2 to lead the Royals, while Steven Hines got 3 hits for the Rays and Adam White added 2.

*** **PHILLIES 12 BRAVES 2** - The Phillies erupted for 10 runs in

the third inning to pull away and rolled to a big 12-2 win over the Braves, in Dixie Youth action. The score was tied at 1-1 after two innings, but Drew Parker ripped two home-runs in the big third inning to spark the Phillies to the win. Drew Parker hit two home-runs and collected 5 rbi's to lead the Phillies, while Nathan Calhoun and Ryan got 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Mariners.

*** **PIRATES 12 WHITE SOX 10** - The Pirates scored runs in every inning to outscore the White Sox 12-10, in Dixie Youth action. The Pirates trailed 5-3 after one inning, but pulled even in the second and pulled away late to claim the win. D.J. Stinson got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Pirates, while Tommy Stroud got 2 hits for the White Sox.

*** **MARLINS 8 BRAVES 7** - The Marlins scored in every inning to sneak past the Braves 8-7, in Dixie Youth action. The Marlins owned a big 5-1 lead after three innings, but had to score late to pull out the win.

*** **ASTROS 12 D'BACKS 7** - The Astros scored runs in every inning to outscore the Diamondbacks 12-7, in Dixie Minor action. The Astros jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead and led 12-1 in the fourth inning, but had to hold on late to post the wild win. Cody Arnold and Michael Jackson both got 2 hits for the Astros, while Don Rhoades added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Bradley Wilson, Johnathan Maddox and Rob Rider all got 1 hit and scored 1 run for the D'Backs.

*** **CARDINALS 11 MARINERS 4** - The Cardinals led

all the way to post a big 11-4 win over the Mariners, in Dixie Minor action. The Cardinals jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and then added 6 runs in the fourth to pull away and claim the win. Richard Cooks, Trey Martin and Martin McCormick all got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Nathan Foster got 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Mariners.

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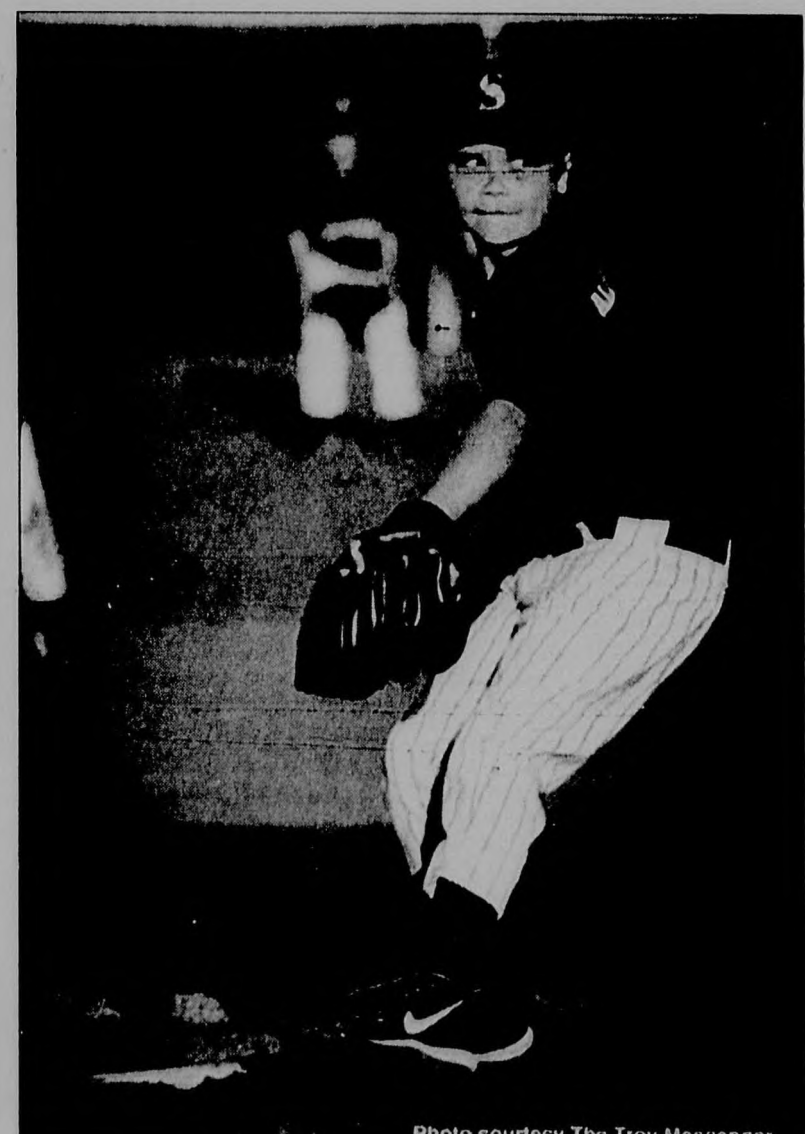
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RICKEY GOODWIN...prepares to pitch.

Goodwin leads the way as Mariners remain only undefeated team in Troy Dixie Minor Baseball League

The Dixie Minor Mariners continued their dominance of the league, improving their record to an undefeated 6-0 last week in Troy. They defeated the Angels 12-2 on Saturday and took it to the Cardinals 7-3 Tuesday. In Saturday's game, Rickey Goodwin allowed the Angels to jump out to a 2-0 lead at the start of the game, but was able to shut them down the rest of the way. He blanked the Angels through the final four innings.

Goodwin got plenty of run support also as the Mariners got two in the second, eight in the third and a couple in the fifth and final inning.

Goodwin had great days at the plate, going 3-for-3.

In Tuesday's 7-3 win over the Cardinals, the game was dominated by some strong pitching by both sides as well as some great defensive plays.

Goodwin is the son of the late Rickey Goodwin, of Elba.

Jaun Starks got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Stephen Driggers added 2 hits. Rafael Harley got 2 hits for the Braves.

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Community News

Adult CPR Course to be held

The American Red Cross will be holding an Adult CPR Course on Monday, May 22, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Chapter office at 711 W. Crawford Street in Enterprise. The cost of the course is \$30 (\$15 for the course and \$15 for the book). To register, call the ARC office at 347-2461.

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet

Wednesday, May 17th

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle, on Wednesday, May 17, at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. The program speakers will be Judge John Crawley, who is running for the Court of Civil Appeals, and David L. Sies, who is running for the Court of Criminal Appeals. The public is invited. For more information, call Virginia Howard at 393-6415.

Magnolia Home and Garden Club holds May meeting

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club held its final meeting of the season at the library of the First Baptist Church. Refreshments were served by Gene Kennett and Addileen Newman. The installation of Officers for 2000-2001 was held. Carolyn Brunson officiated at the ceremony. The slate of officers are: President - Gene Kennett; Vice-President - Aline Lee; Recording Secretary - Sybil Hahn; Corresponding Secretary - Louise Hudson; Treasurer - Ann Miles; Historian - Addileen Newman. The club will not meet again until September when Ann Miles will be hostess.



THE ISACS pictured above will be performing two shows at the Heart of Dixie Music Park, Thursday, May 11th at 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. The Heart of Dixie Park is located 4 miles East of Elba off Hwy. 166. The ISACS will be a part of the tenth semi-annual spring bluesgrass festival which will include 12 bluesgrass bands. The show is from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 11-13. For more information call 897-8349.

American Legion to hold Flag Disposal Ceremony June 6th

The 35th District of The American Legion will be conducting a Flag Disposal Ceremony on June 6, 2000 at The American Legion Post in Samson, AL. This ceremony is available to all posts within the district and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered US flags for proper disposal. Anyone having an unserviceable US flag to dispose of may contact any American Legion member in the area or call the local Veterans Service Office.

Don't Forget Mother's Day May 14th

Wiregrass Hospice Workshop to be held

Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. in conjunction with Wallace Community College, will host the sixth annual Wiregrass Hospice Workshop on Friday, May 19. The workshop will feature renowned pain management expert Dr. Mary Stegman. She is considered an expert in the fields of internal medicine, hospice and palliative medicine and pain management. Dr. Stegman has been involved in hospice care for nine years as a medical director. Other topics will include Teamwork and Communicating in Difficult Circumstances which will be offered by Wiregrass Hospice Education Institute. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Continuing education credits will be offered to nurses, social workers, nursing home administrators, licensed professional counselors, other medical professionals and concerned community members. Nurses will receive 7.2 CH. Social Workers and all other disciplines will receive 6 CH. The seminar will be held at Wallace Community College in the LPN Health Building Auditorium. Workshop cost is \$35 for those pre-registered and \$45 for those who choose on-site registration. This fee includes CEU credits, lunch, breaks and workshop materials. To register or for more information, please call (334) 983-3521, ext. 300.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Alabama Law, Sections 17-10-3 and 11-45-6, Code of Alabama, 1975, Coffee County will hold On-Site Absentee balloting as follows:

SATURDAY, May 27, 2000
8:00AM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY, June 17, 2000
8:00AM - 5:00PM

LOCATIONS: Elba Courthouse Enterprise Courthouse New Brockton Town Hall

The On-Site Absentee balloting is only for those electors who will be out of the county on the election dates of June 6 and June 27, 2000.

Any voter who is otherwise eligible to vote in absentee ballot may obtain an application for absentee ballot by calling the Absentee Election Manager at 894-3556 or may obtain an absentee ballot by visiting the Absentee Election Manager's office at the Coffee County #2 Complex in New Brockton.

Voters may wish to contact the Coffee County Board of Registrars Office at 894-5347 relating to their voting status. The assignment of On-Site Voting locations is as follows:

ELBA COURTHOUSE
Beat 5 Elba's Crossroads Community
Beat 3 Lee Community
Beat 4 Newby Community
Beat 5 Bluff Springs Community
Beat 6 Elba National Guard Armory
Beat 21 Wise Mill Church
Beat 19 Pine Level Community
Beat 20 Basin Community
Beat 22 Wise Mill School

ENTERPRISE COURTHOUSE
Beat 1 Perry's Store
Beat 2 Reserve Army-Elba
Beat 101 Victoria Community
Beat 102 Chestnut Grove Community
Beat 11 Frisco Community
Beat 12 Eanon Community

NEW BROCKTON TOWN HALL
Beat 2 New Brockton Farm Center
Beat 101 Victoria Community
Beat 102 Chestnut Grove Community
Beat 11 Frisco Community
Beat 12 Eanon Community

Beat 5 Elba Mulberry Heights
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Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Richard V. Moore, an unmarried man, in favor of NationsCredit Financial Services Corp. of Alabama, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded July 6, 1999, Book 115, Page 582 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, NationsCredit Financial Services Corp. of Alabama, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at Elba, Coffee County, Alabama on June 17, 2000, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 1 OF YARBROUGH WARREN SUBDIVISION OF WEST HIGHLANDS IN THE CITY OF ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN SANITARY LAND BOOK 156, PAGE 562-563, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.

This sale is made for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and are not disposed of at or prior to foreclosure.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

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The Elba Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing at the Elba City Hall on Thursday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a proposal from Mr. Mike Russell to rezone from R-1 to M-1 a parcel of land in the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, Coffee County, Alabama. The parcel is located off Highway 189 North in the City of Elba, Alabama.

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Copies of the plans and specifications qualified to un legal notices in the State of Alabama. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on this 13th day of April, 2000.

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Community News

"Flying 'R' Riders" to perform at Elba's Sausage Festival

The "Flying 'R' Riders", a parade and drill team from the Wiregrass area, will perform Saturday, May 13, at Elba's Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival.

The team was organized in Sept. of 1995 and has performed at various activities including rodeos,

parades and charities in the surrounding area. The group is made up of riders whose ages range from 15 to 30.

The "Flying 'R' Riders" will open Saturday's activities with a patriotic salute at 10 a.m. They will perform again at 10:45 a.m. when

the get the crowd going as they square dance on their horses.

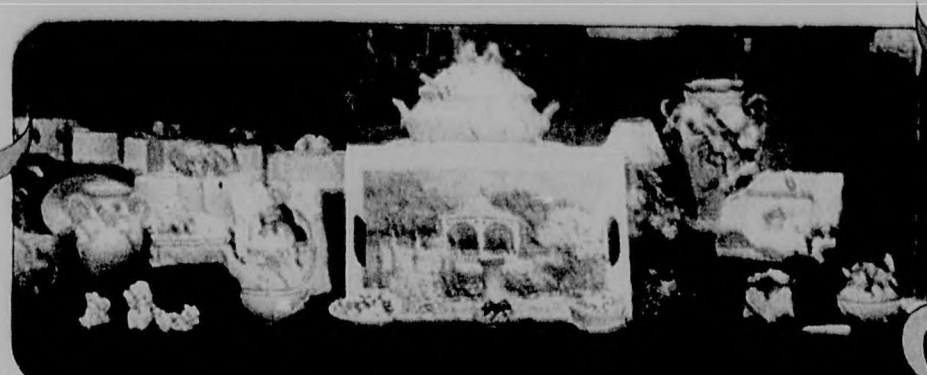
Everyone is invited to come out and see the "Flying 'R' Riders" as they perform at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Saturday and stay for the whole day as lots of entertainment, food and fun will be offered.

May 14, 2000

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FORM & FUNCTION IN NEW LOCATION... Several local officials and citizens were on hand Thursday, April 27, to help welcome Form & Function to its new downtown location at the corner of Davis Street and Claxton Avenue. The desktop publishing business handles such jobs as invitations, announcements, newsletters, brochures, copying and printing. The Elba Chamber of Commerce made the move to the new location official for the business and owner Laurie Chapman with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Those in attendance for the celebration were (from left to right): Valence Moore, Miss Elba; Lauren Moore, Jr. Miss Elba; Matt Gray; Laurie Chapman, owner; Rachel Baxter; Molly McGuire; Little Miss Elba; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Sierra Parker; Future Little Miss Zion Chapel; Rev. John Baxter; Frances Bradshaw; Katelyn Hutto; Future Little Miss Elba; Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Whitney Stephens, Jr. Miss Zion Chapel; Dale Moseley; Tonya Jones; Kayla Eddins; Miss Zion Chapel; Renee Lambert; and Herby McCall.

American Red Cross courses to be offered

American Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety Course to be held
The American Red Cross will be holding a Community First Aid and Safety Course on Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. This course certifies individuals in adult, infant, and child CPR, as well as, first aid. The cost of the course is \$30. To register, call the Ft. Rucker Red Cross office at 255-1055.

First Aid Basics Course to be held
The American Red Cross will be holding a First Aid Basics Course on Thursday, May 25, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Chapter office at 711 W. Crawford Street in Enterprise. The cost of the course is \$30 (\$15 for the course and \$15 for the book). To register, call the ARC office at 347-2461.

Infant and Child CPR course to be held
The American Red Cross will be holding an Infant and Child CPR Course on Tuesday, May 23, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Chapter office at 711 W. Crawford Street in Enterprise. The cost of the course is \$30 (\$15 for the course and \$15 for the book). To register, call the ARC office at 347-2461.

New Hope School reunion to be held May 27

Contrary to the famous literary statement, many people do return home each year on the last Saturday in May to the site where the New Hope School stood for many years in the New Hope Community in North Holmes County, Fla. The 8th annual reunion for former students is Saturday, May 27, at the Masonic Hall on the old school site, south of Highway 2 on the Geneva-Westville Road. Those attending start gathering around 10 a.m. with a covered-dish lunch at noon. "Some ice-cream plates, napkins, and plastic utensils will be furnished," said Cecil Motley, chairman. "Come early, stay late." Thousands of students, many of whom live in the Wiregrass area of Florida-Alabama-Georgia, attended the Geneva-Westville Road.

New Hope School which was operated from the 1890s to 1963.

For more information, contact Motley at (850) 956-2507, 1723 Bradley Rd., Westville, FL 32464, Curti Vaughan (850) 916-0043, P.O. Box 293, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562, or Roberta Capps (850) 526-5635, 4484 Broad St., Marianna, FL 32464.

Wesley Kelley leading Boy Scout food drive

Wesley Kelley of Boy Scout Troop 37 is leading a canned food drive in order to fulfill one of the last requirements for the Eagle Scout rank. On Saturday, May 6, he and the rest of the scouts placed bags and flyers at the front doors of houses in Elba. If you received one of these bags, you may put the canned foods that you wish to donate in the bag and leave it at your front door on Saturday, May 13, where it will be collected. If you do not receive a bag and you wish to contribute, please leave your cans at the Elba Christian Mission and mention that you are donating the canned foods for Wesley Kelley's Eagle Project or call 897-2580 and arrangements will be made to pick up your items. The goal for the project is 1,000 pounds of food. All the items will be sent to the Elba Christian Mission and will be used to benefit the Elba Community.

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Local graduates begin new chapter

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The time of year has arrived when local high school seniors are closing one chapter in the story of their life and beginning a new one. At this time of graduation, the seniors of Elba, Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton high schools can take a look at what they have already accomplished and begin setting the stones for future accomplishments.

"This group as a whole has always been so dedicated to excellence," said Lynn Weeks, counselor at Elba High School. "They are an exceptional group of overachievers not only in academics but in athletics and as school and community leaders."

These statements are echoed throughout the county as teachers, counselors, administrators, parents and community leaders speak of the graduating class of 2000.

Of the 187 graduates at the four

schools, 76 have received some sort of monetary scholarship to aid in furthering their education. At Elba High School, 40 of the 60 graduating seniors received some sort of monetary scholarship. The numbers are just as impressive at the county schools with Kinston seniors receiving 15 scholarships, New Brockton seniors receiving 12 scholarships and nine seniors at Zion Chapel High School receiving scholarships. Three of the nine students at Zion Chapel were the recipients of multiple scholarships.

Applying for and receiving scholarships is not an overnight process, and Weeks said it is something that takes a lot of time and dedication. She said it is really important for students to start thinking about scholarships when they begin their freshman year of high school because that's when grades begin to count on the student's overall GPA (Grade Point Average).

Overwhelmingly, Weeks said this year's graduating class of 60 students is made up of 49 with an overall average of 83 or above and 24 of those students are honor graduates with a 92 average or above. With numbers like these, she said it is obvious that something is being done right with the education of today's youth. However, she said it is more than just one person. It is the students, their parents, teachers, administrators and the community as a whole working together to achieve one common goal...a future filled with wide open possibilities where each individual creates his or her own path.

(Note: A complete list of Elba High School seniors receiving scholarships can be found on this week's Tiger Tale page and Page 14B of the Senior Greeting Section. More details on the scholarships received by seniors at the county schools is expected in upcoming weeks.)

Cash flow keeping Elba city offices in strain

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council paid the monthly bills of \$10,484.65 in their regular meeting of May 8, but also heard Mayor James Grimes report that finances are tight.

The mayor said a check from the SE Ala Gas District of an expected \$75,000, due this month, should relieve the cash flow somewhat. Last year Elba got \$58,000 from the municipal owned gas company.

Short term indebtedness is limited to a \$75,000 note at The Peoples Bank, used to purchase new fire trucks. Long term indebtedness is an FHA sewer loan (from 1968 sewer project) in the amount of \$280,947.72. The payments on the ongoing multi-million dollar sewer project will not begin until the project is completed and passes all inspections.

Total revenue at this point in the fiscal year is down about \$8,000, however, considering that the budget plans include the amount expected to be drawn from the Water and Electric Department and that amount is \$22,550 below projected amounts, actual tax revenue is up, Grimes explained.

Coffee County Dream Team receives funding from Governor's Office

Commissioner Bernest Brooks announced Monday that the Coffee County Dream Team, Inc., has been funded by the Governor's Office Drug Abuse Policy to implement a summer enrichment program to help at-risk children in Elba and Enterprise.

According to Commissioner Brooks, this will make the fourth time since the early 1990's that the Coffee County Dream Team has been successfully funded to target children through after-school tutorial, counseling and enrichment services.

"Our mission is to help save children by promoting healthy community-based activities to keep them on the right track for good academic performance and improved social behavioral skills," Brook said. "This community-oriented program is intended to be an investment in the future of our country and a corrective effort to help keep our children out of trouble."

The Coffee County Dream Team Summer Enrichment Program will be open to the general public and will take place at the Mulberry Community park in Elba and at John's Chapel AME Church in Enterprise.

For further information on enrollment opportunities contact Elder Timothy Williams at (334)897-5395 or Rev. Theotis Parker at (334)347-7227.

Bernest Brooks seeking re-election to District 5 seat on commission

Bernest Brooks recently announced his candidacy for re-election to District 5 on the Coffee County Commission.

"First, I want to thank the voters of District 5 for having enough faith in me to vote for me to serve the people in District 5 and Coffee County as a whole for two terms," said Brooks.

He said he brings proven leadership to the office in job creation, better roads, improvement in education, council in matters of Civil Rights, improvement in working relationships and development in agriculture and industry.

Brooks has a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and a Master's degree in urban planning with a concentration in urbanology. He has 20 years in the public schools of Alabama, 18 years in state government, 10 years in local and federal government and effective leadership in economic development.

"I wish to be re-elected on my record of achievement as your county commissioner," said Brooks.

During his time as a county commissioner, Brooks has introduced a

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FIVE-YEAR OLD DIES... A one-vehicle crash last Thursday evening took the life of Zachary Davis Roberts, age 5, of Barbour County. The incident occurred shortly after 4:00 p.m. approximately 13 miles north of Elba on AL Hwy. 87 in the Jack Community. The small Ford car being driven by Roberts' father, Davis Ray Roberts, age 29, was traveling south when it left the road, hit a tree and overturned causing the youngster to be ejected from the vehicle. The small car came to rest on the boy. Members of the Zion Chapel Fire Department responded to the scene immediately and were able to remove the vehicle from atop the youngster. Coffee County EMS arrived on the scene and transported both father and son to Edge Regional Hospital in Troy, AL. Zachary was stabilized and airlifted to Children's Hospital in Birmingham, AL, where he later died - early Saturday morning - of injuries sustained in the accident. The elder Roberts was admitted to Edge Regional suffering from broken bones and blunt force trauma. The car crash is being investigated by Alabama State Troopers Dale Cobb and David McGowan, the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. An autopsy was performed on the youngster to determine the cause of death. Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

High profile lawsuit against Wal-Mart enters second week in Elba

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The lawsuit against Wal-Mart by an Elba couple is now in its second week of testimony and at press time, the plaintiffs' attorneys were still making their case.

Tony and Ann Bowers of Elba had filed suit against the Enterprise Wal-Mart Supercenter claiming Tony Bowers' mental anguish claim because he was not at the home when the fire started, and "was not placed in any immediate risk of physical harm."

The couple contends that the improper installation of the Enterprise store on October 28, 1995, caused the fire that destroyed their car and one-story, three-bedroom home.

It is the contention of Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated that it was not at fault and that the fire that destroyed the car and home started

in the car's electrical panel.

The Bowers' won a \$1 million verdict in a jury trial held in July of 1998; however, in a 7-2 decision in October of 1999, the Alabama Supreme Court overturned that verdict and remanded the case back to the lower court for retrial.

The High Court ruled that the jury should not have considered Tony Bowers' mental anguish claim because he was not at the home when the fire started, and "was not placed in any immediate risk of physical harm."

The whole verdict was struck down by the Court because the jury returned a general verdict with no indication as to what portion of the \$1 million was for Bowers' mental anguish.

An earlier attempt by Wal-Mart's attorneys, to have the trial moved out of Elba failed.

The trial is expected to go on into next week before it will be handed over to the jury for deliberation.

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A "no-delay" trial date has been set for Russell William Cutts Jr., age 20, who is charged with the double murder of his father and step mother, Russell William Cutts Sr., and Leighanne Manning Cutts. The trial date is September 25, 2000, in Enterprise. Cutts will be the second individual tried in this March 1998 murder case. Jeremy Todd Guthrie, age 20, was tried in January and found guilty of attempted murder in the death of Leighanne Cutts. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Cutts, who has escaped from jail twice since his arrest in 1998, is being held in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton.

Doug Pittman officially enters District Two commission race

Douglas R. Pittman announces his candidacy for Coffee County Commission, District Two. He is seeking the nomination of the Democratic Party in the June 6 primary.

Pittman is a lifelong resident of Coffee County. He and his wife, Juliana, have two children, Patti and her husband Patrick King of Enterprise, and, Bo Pittman of Atlanta, Ga. They also have two grandchildren, Meg and Gray King. The Pittmans are members of the First Baptist Church in New Brockton.

Pittman is a graduate of New Brockton High School. He is a retired Master Sergeant from the Army Reserves. For the past 38 years he has been employed by an aviation contractor at Fort Rucker. He is the president of the International Association of Machinist & Aerospace Workers 2003. He is a member of AUSA. He is also on the State Consumer Advisory Committee and the Alabama Labor Foundation Committee. He is on the National Planning Committee for Machinists Non-Partisan Political League.



In this new era, Pittman said he is committed to working effectively to address important concerns and improve the lives of all county citizens. He feels strongly that County Government must be accountable to its citizens and feels he can contribute to making Coffee County the best managed County in Alabama.

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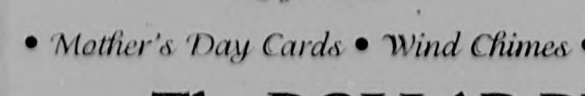
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